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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Briefing of Congressional Contacts Re [REDACTED]

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1. Today I separately briefed Messrs. J. Russell Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee; Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee; William Woodruff, Assistant Chief Clerk, Senate Appropriations Committee; and Robert Michaels, Staff Assistant, House Appropriations Committee, on the above case. I explained that we had no responsibility for the operation in which

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Smith had reported the facts to us we had promptly informed General Abrams; and that we were cooperating in the field with General Abrams' investigation and at headquarters with the Army General Staff and the Army JAG.

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2. All seemed satisfied with this explanation, although Woodruff said that since one of those involved, [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Senator Russell might "want to talk to someone from the Agency regarding more details if [REDACTED] requested Russell's assistance.

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11. (Unclassified - GLC) In the absence of Larry Conrad, I met with Jay Berman in his office and left with him the revised amendments to S. 782. I advised Mr. Berman that we had discussed these amendments with NSA, who was in agreement with them, and with the FBI. I added that the FBI informed us they wished to pursue a full exemption for the Bureau and, therefore, they were not mentioned in these amendments. Mr. Berman and I discussed this a bit and agreed that, if a full exemption were to be given for one agency, it would seem desirable to treat the other security agencies, i. e., CIA and NSA, the same way.

12. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. Robert Michaels, House Appropriations Committee staff, and delivered to him for the Chairman a letter concerning [REDACTED]

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Also discussed briefly with Mr. Michaels the transferring of full responsibility for handling necessary funds for SWITCHBACK to the Department of Defense. Mr. Michaels advised that the Chairman had written the Department on the subject, but that he has not received any information on Department determinations.

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6. (Secret - JGO) In the absence of Mr. Arthur Kuhl, Chief Clerk, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, I met with Mrs. Mary McLaughlin, Assistant to Mr. Carl Marcy, Staff Director, and reviewed with her the handling of the transcript of the Director's briefing of 23 April and 23 June during their study of this ABM testimony over the past few weeks by the Committee members. I also received back from Mrs. McLaughlin copies 2, 4, and 5 of the Director's testimony of 23 June which was "inadvertently" retained by the Committee. Future calls for the transcripts may be anticipated from time to time. They may involve one or more transcripts which will be returned to the Agency each day. Mrs. McLaughlin was once again highly complimentary of the services provided by the Agency couriers. Mrs. McLaughlin noted that they had been most helpful and courteous.

7. (Confidential - JGO) Attempted to see Larry Conrad and Marcia MacNaughton concerning developments in the Ervin Subcommittee but both individuals were away from their respective offices for the day.

8. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Received from Mary Miller, on the staff of the Senate Preparedness Investigating Subcommittee, a classified document that had been provided for Subcommittee use. A receipt was given for the return of the document.

9. (Confidential - JGO) Talked briefly with Mr. Robert Michaels, on the staff of the House Appropriations Committee, and brought him up-to-date on the Soviet space activities discussed with him yesterday. Mr. Michaels was most appreciative but noted in passing that, although he is spending quite a bit of time with the Chairman, they are so pressed with Committee work he is not certain when the Chairman will have time to be briefed on such matters.

10. (Unclassified - JGO) Delivered to the office of Representative Joel T. Broyhill (R., Va.) correspondence from the Director of Strategic Services Unit enclosing citations -- the Medal of Freedom and the Medal of Freedom (Oak Leaf Cluster) -- for

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25X1A 5. (Unclassified - JGO) In response to his request delivered to [redacted] in the office of Senator Howard Cannon (D., Nev.), a professional brochure and application form together with a copy of the unclassified pamphlet "The Central Intelligence Agency."

25X1A 6. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. Robert Michaels, House Appropriations Committee staff, who advised that Chairman Mahon's schedule had not allowed discussion of the Agency's letter concerning [redacted] 25X1A
[redacted] He suggested that for future months it might be well for the record if a very brief letter, referring to [redacted]
25X1A [redacted] be forwarded to the Chairman.

I briefed Mr. Michaels on the following items:

- a. Soviet naval visit to Cuba,
- b. Soviet space activities,
- c. SS-9 silo construction, and
- d. expected Soviet fleet transfers to the Mediterranean from the Black Sea.

7. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. John R. Blandford, Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, and advised that the information available at this time relating to the question of a possible Soviet naval base in Cuba is classified. Mr. Blandford thanked me for the advice and dictated a response for Chairman Rivers' signature to a constituent inquiry.

I briefed Mr. Blandford and later Mr. Frank Slatinshek, of the Committee staff, on the following items:

- a. Soviet naval visit to Cuba,
- b. Soviet space activities,
- c. SS-9 silo construction, and
- d. expected Soviet fleet transfers to the Mediterranean from the Black Sea.

8. (Secret - JGO) Met with Mr. James Wilson, House Science and Astronautics Committee staff, and briefed him on Soviet space activities.

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25X1A 5. (Secret - JGO) Delivered to Mr. William Woodruff, Counsel, Senate Appropriations Committee, a letter to Chairman Russell concerning [redacted] After reviewing the letter Mr. Woodruff advised that he hopes to take the matter up with Senator Russell this evening.

25X1A 6. (Secret - JGO) Delivered to Mr. Robert Michaels, House Appropriations Committee staff, a letter to Chairman Mahon concerning [redacted]

7. (Secret - LRH) Mr. Ernest L. Kerley of the Legal Adviser's office, Department of State, and I met with Mr. Pat M. Holt, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, at the latter's request to discuss an inquiry received by the Committee about United States liability for the sinking of the Springfjord in 1954 at the time of the Guatemalan rebellion. We gave the details of the episode, and Mr. Holt accepted the Department of State's position that the U.S. Government was not liable. He said this would take some care in answering, as the inquiry was from a U.S. lawyer who knew Senator Fulbright, but he would discuss the case with the Senator and try to answer along the lines that the Committee had investigated and was satisfied that the U.S. Government was not liable in this incident. STATOTHR

At this same meeting with Mr. Holt he asked me if this Agency were [redacted] I said the names were not familiar to me and gave them later to [redacted] who will investigate and report back to Mr. Holt. 25X1A

25X1A 8. (Internal Use Only - CD) Received a call from Mr. Coal, in the office of Senator Norris Cotton (R., N.H.), who requested an employment interview for [redacted] After checking with [redacted] Personnel, I advised Mr. Coal that an appointment has been scheduled for Friday, 15 August at 10:00 a.m. 25X1A

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1. (Internal Use Only - JGO) Received a call from Mr. Gilbert LeKander, Administrative Assistant to Representative Frank T. Bow (R., Ohio), who related that a young man from their district has applied for employment with the Agency and is concerned whether his father's illness might count against him in consideration for employment. The father was retired from the Navy for mental illness some ten years ago. The son has just completed three years of "good duty" with the Navy. Mr. LeKander asked if we would advise what the Agency's medical policy might be in such a case.

25X1C 2. (Secret - JGO) Received a call from Mr. J. Sourwine, Chief Counsel, Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, who noted that he was surprised that the debriefing material furnished Mr. Tarabochia, of the Subcommittee staff, is all that is available. He noted that if it were a question of selection of material for release at this time his staff would be able to work with whatever summaries or other outline could be provided. If not, he would appreciate the scheduling of a possible two days of meeting with [redacted] Advised Mr. Sourwine I would relay his request and be back in touch with him.

3. (Unclassified - JGO) Received from Austin Smith, House Appropriations Committee staff, a copy for [redacted] of a 30 June 1969 letter to Secretary of the Army Resor from Chairman Mahon.

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4. (Secret - JGO) In response to a call, met with Mr. George Murphy, Deputy Director, Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, and received from him a chronology on the decisions leading to the building of the hydrogen bomb for our review for security and sensitivity prior to publication by the Committee. Mr. Murphy advised that AEC and DOD have reviewed the document. No suspense date for completion of the security review has been established by the Committee.

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